

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR HELD IN THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
June 18, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davies-Dunhour and due to technical difficulties the meeting began at 4:43 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Judith M. Davies-Dunhour, Mayor
Emily Dillon, Borough Clerk
Anthony Bocchi, Solicitor
Manny Parada, Borough Administrator

PRESENT

Councilmembers
Frank Dallahan
Victor Foschini-Absent
Bunny Parzych
Robin Casper
Jennifer Gensemer
Tim Carney

Mayor Davies-Dunhour announced that the meeting was now open. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided by posting a copy of the time and place on the Municipal Clerk's bulletin board and mailing a copy of same to the Press and the Cape May County Herald on January 4, 2024.

FOR THE RECORD, THIS WORK SESSION WAS HELD VIA VIDEO/TELEPHONE
CONFERENCE IN A ZOOM FORMAT AS WELL AS IN PERSON

Salute the Flag

Reports of Standing Committees:

Public Safety Committee– Councilmember Dallahan

Fire Department

Chief Stanford provides a report for May 2024, the full report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Police Department

Chief Schutta provides a report for May 2024 as well as a brief personnel update, the full report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Beach Patrol

Mr. Bosacco states the Beach Patrol held their annual lifeguard tryouts on Sunday May 26th and 26 new guards were selected and have begun training. Mr. Bosacco mentions the new guards will complete training in the following week and the department will be fully staffed. Mr. Bosacco comments on beach tags and states sales are going strong and the Borough has sold more tags this year to date than the entire summer of 2023.

Office of Emergency Management

Mr. Vault provides a report for May 2024, the full report is on file in the Clerk's office. Mr. Vault mentions the Coastal Coalition meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Mr. Vault states he recently attended the Cape May County Communications Center meeting and was informed the emergency operations plan used to be required to be updated every five years and that has been changed to every two years. Mr. Vault states the plan is due February 2025 and will be contacting departments for their updates.

Due to technical issues, the above reports were read into the record again.

Recreation and Tourism- Councilmember Foschini

Councilmember Carney provided a brief report in Mr. Foschini's absence and states the Borough presented the new playground design today to the County Open Space Board and feels optimistic the Borough will receive positive feedback. Mr. Parada states for the record the overall cost for the new playground is \$1.9 million and the borough is requesting a little over a million for the grant. Councilmember Parzych questions if the Borough will be reimbursed the funds if they choose to purchase the playground equipment prior to receiving the grant. Borough Engineer Marc DeBlasio recommends waiting to receive the response letter from the County and then can consider options and states he expects to receive the letter within a week.

Recreation – Shannon MacPherson, Recreation Director

Ms. MacPherson states she is currently working on the basketball league evaluations and games will begin on June 24th as well as the sports clinics and arts and crafts. Ms. MacPherson mentions the temporary repairs have been completed on the 97th Street courts to get through the summer. Ms. MacPherson states the Bocce league teams will be picked tomorrow at the recreation building and starts June 26th and will be every Wednesday morning. Ms. MacPherson states the fitness classes have already begun and the other outside contracts will begin this weekend. Ms. MacPherson reminds the public of the sandbag challenge on June 30th sponsored by 31 Heroes and people can still register to participate. Ms. MacPherson comments on 4th of July events that will begin at 9AM and the schedule and times of the events will be posted next week. Ms. MacPherson mentions she applied for the local recreation improvement grant for the 82nd Street playground and was just notified that the borough will be receiving a grant in the amount of \$67,000.

Tourism Director – Jenny Olson

Ms. Olson mentions three upcoming special events that will be on for approval at the next meeting being: St Brendan the Navigator, Wedding of the Sea, August 15th, Seashore Home Supply, Outdoor Furniture Tent Sale, August 31st & Sept. 1st and Seashore Home Supply, Contractor Day, September 27th. Ms. Olson reports on the Memorial Day weekend events and also details the upcoming events for Fourth of July. Ms. Olson mentions the Tuesdays at the Tower Concerts will begin July 9th and will be every Tuesday through August 27th with the exception of August 6th which is national night out. Ms. Olson states the annual Green Fair is Thursday July 18th at 6pm and the Festival of Lights is August 3rd.

Natural Resource Committee – Councilmember Carney

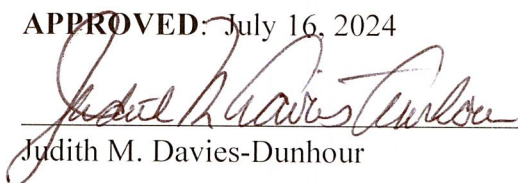
Councilmember Carney provides an update on the endangered birds located at the Point and reminds the public to not disturb their nests. Mr. Carney mentions the Borough has received data from the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the beach nourishment which the Borough will utilize as a baseline to manage sand movement and future sand activity. Mr. Carney states the Bird Sanctuary Committee held their quarterly meeting and participated in the tour and thanks their dedication to the Bird Sanctuary. Mr. Carney mentions the tours are currently on Sundays at 10AM and in July Saturdays will be added to the schedule as well.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Dallahan **Second:** Carney
Dallahan: Yes **Foschini:** Absent **Parzych:** Yes **Casper:** Yes **Gensemer:** Yes **Carney:** Yes

The Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council adjourned at 5:09PM.

APPROVED: July 16, 2024

 _____, Mayor
Judith M. Davies-Dunhour

 _____, Borough Clerk
Emily Dillon